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St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
Wolverhampton.

Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON.
MESSRS. GILLET & JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

BELL RESTORATION.

The restoration of ancient peals of bells goes steadily on and ringers cannot be other than gratified at the way in which slowly, but surely, some of the famous rings are coming under the attention of the bell hanger. York Minster is the latest of our historic fanes to have its bells restored, and there must be general rejoicing among those members of the Exercise, who reside in the county of Broad Acres, that once again, and with improved tone, the bells of York may ring out. From all accounts, Messrs. Warner, who have recently completed some big jobs, including the new peal of twelve at Chelmsford and the restoration of Shoreditch, have carried out their work at York very satisfactorily. To successfully rehang a ring of bells with a tenor of 50 cwt. is a triumph of the bell hangers' art, and when the real test of "go"—a peal of 5,000 changes—has been made and nothing found wanting, then, indeed, will the Spitalfield's firm have every reason to be proud of what will be almost a crowning achievement in their long history.

It is interesting to note that the bells are hung in self-aligning bearings, which more than one firm of bell hangers are now adopting in the hanging of large bells, but even technical experts differ as to the need for this ingenious kind of fitting. In our issue to-day, as a matter of fact, no less an authority than Mr. Arthur Hughes, the head of the Whitechapel Foundry, raises the question of their necessity in cases where the bells are properly hung. His contention is that there is nothing to equal the fixed bearing when accurately fitted, and probably most engineers will agree. There remains, however, the question of the future of the bells and frames, which cannot be expected perpetually to continue as the bell-hangers leave them. Supporters of the self-aligning bearings contend, we believe, that they help to secure the good "go" of the bells for a much longer period than would otherwise be the case. Be that as it may, we are only able to pass on the views of the experts to those who, like ourselves, are of purely lay mind.

The one thing that we, and all ringers, are delighted to know is that ecclesiastical authorities up and down the country are showing a growing anxiety and desire to have dilapidations among bells taken in hand and remedied, and that it is only a question of raising the necessary funds, in quite a number of cases, that prevents the work being carried out. There are still, however, well-known churches where there is need for the attention of a bell-hanger, and those are cases where we should like to see the ringers, acting through their associations, take organised steps to expedite action on the part of the authorities. A little tactful agitation that is not easily rebuffed will sometimes do wonders.

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OPINION OF OUR
MODERN WORK.

Broomfield Vicarage,
Chelmsford

DEAR SIR,

I have great pleasure in stating that we are perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you of re-arranging and re-hanging the Broomfield Church Bells.

We consider that the work reflects great credit upon your firm, and believe that your system of hanging the bells reduces the vibration of the steel frame supplied by you to a minimum.

The CHURCHWARDENS unite with ME in this expression of opinion. The BELLRINGERS are also unanimous in their praise of the alterations effected by you.

Yours truly,

CHAS. EDMUNDS,

Vicar of Broomfield.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

HALIFAX.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(OFFICERS' PEAL.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5163 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*JOE HARDCASTLE Treble	ARTHUR GILL 6
JAMES COTTERELL 2	CHARLES JACKSON 7
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 3	JOHN MCKELL 8
*HARRY WILLIAMS 4	CLEMENT GLENN 9
JOSEPH BROADLEY 5	JAMES T. REW Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Stedman Caterpillars.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, March 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5017 CHANCES;

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 6
FRED G. MAY 2	HENRY B. BURT 7
WILLIAM WHITE 3	ISAAC LONG 8
ALBERT STOWELL 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES 9
JOHN W. JONES 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

25th peal by W. White. 150th peal by A. Stowell. 50th tower in which J. E. Sykes has rung a peal.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELV DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	*FRANK CLAYDON 6
GEORGE DEBENHAM 2	FREDERICK DEWELL 7
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 3	*ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 8
WALTER RADLEY 4	ERNEST W. BECKWITH 9
ARTHUR SYMONDS 5	*DAVID ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung to celebrate the enthronement, on the previous Wednesday, at the above cathedral, of the first Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (the Right Rev. Dr. B. Hodgson).

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRS Treble	GEORGE B. LUCAS 6
HAROLD P. BURTON 2	WILLIAM T. POWELL 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 3	WILLIAM BERRY 8
ALBERT BRIGHTMAN 4	JAMES HONT 9
WILLIAM SHIMMANS 5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and
Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

This peal was arranged in commemoration of the 130th anniversary of the record length of Royal rung on these bells March 27th, 1784. First peal of Royal since the restoration.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	HARRY FLANDERS 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Samuel Hayes, on his 75th birthday.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

"MISS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD Treble	FRANK BARRETT 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUNR. 2	FREDERICK WEBB 7
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SENR. 8
FRANK WEBB 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
WILLIAM JUDGE 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SENR.

* First peal of Caters and first lady to ring a peal on these bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 23, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOSEPH SLATER Treble	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 5
JOHN BASS 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
HARRY HUBBLE 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 7
JAMES WHATMORE 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER, and Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Alfred Whatmore, father of the 4th and 5th ringers. It was also the conductor's 200th peal for this Association.

MIDDLETON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROOHDALDE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	WILLIAM HARDMAN 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	TOM A. OGDEN 6
THOMAS OLDHAM 3	JAMES ARROWSMITH, SENR. 7
THOMAS K. DRIVER 4	DAN RENSCHAW Tenor

Composed by W. GARRARD, and
Conducted by W. BERRY.

Rung on the eve of the Festival of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary: also to commemorate the bi-centenary of the back six bells, and as a birthday compliment to James Arrowsmith, Senr.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	WILLIAM I. OAKLEY 5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
WALTER S. INWOOD 3	FRANCIS A. SMITH 7
BERTRAM PREWETT 4	GEORGE A. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Seeley.

CROSTON, LANCASHIRE.

On Tuesday, March 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM DALTON Treble	JOHN HOUGH 5
THOMAS WHITTLE 2	JOHN ASCROFT 6
WILLIAM BANNISTER 3	PHILIP ASCROFT 7
THOMAS DALTON 4	JAMES ASCROFT Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS DALTON.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman by all the band who are all local men and Sunday service ringers, and first peal of Stedman on the bells.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, March 24, 1914, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

FREDERICK PITSTOW Treble	JOHN F. PENNING 5
†ROBERT STRONG 2	*ALFRED EVENETT 6
†HAROLD PITSTOW 3	ARTHUR JAMES 7
†GEORGE SPARROW 4	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

ROBERT HOOKHAM Treble	EDWARD PARDON 5
HENRY GILLET 2	WILLIAM STRATFORD ... 6
FRANK E. DAVIS 3	WALTER LARGE 7
FRANK BIRD 4	GEORGE PUGH Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

First peal of Triples by all except the conductor. Messrs. Bird, Pugh, Davis, Hookham and Pardon were elected members before starting for the peal.

PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs., in E flat.

CHARLES H. PERRY Treble	*THOMAS HAMLIN 5
†HARRY PAGE 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
JAMES CROSS 3	TOM PAGE 7
FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN 4	BENJAMIN THORPE Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORPE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and to the ringer of the 2nd.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS AND
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM B. KEMPTON ... Treble	PERCY TAYLOR 5
GEORGE TAYLOR 2	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 6
JOHN TAYLOR 3	FRANK E. KEMPTON ... 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 4	FREDERICK DENCH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

All the above are resident ringing members of the Cambridge Youths, and this is the first tower peal by all the band for the Society. The last peal was accomplished 49 years ago on March 24th, 1865, at the same tower. This is the first peal of Kent Treble Bob by the Society.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Treble	*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN ... 2	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... 6
*EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 7
WILLIAM STEELE ... 4	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

* First peal in the method.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, March 26, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

*WILLIAM HILL ... Treble	THOMAS BLOORE ... 5
JAMES TYLER ... 2	EDWIN J. TYLER ... 6
EDGAR MARLOW ... 3	†THOMAS HILL ... 7
*WILLIAM PEART ... 4	CHARLES TYLER ... Tenor

Composed by F. CLAYTON, and

Conducted by T. HILL.

* First peal of Major. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Bloore. This was E. J. Tyler's 50th peal.

MOSSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Friday, March 27, 1914, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

SAMUEL WOOD ... Treble	JOSEPH MELLOR ... 5
CHARLES BOWER ... 2	BENJAMIN GILL ... 6
THOMAS JAKEMAN ... 3	MALCOLM OLDFIELD ... 7
CHARLES BROADBENT ... 4	SAMUEL BOOTH ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Samuel Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*EDWIN S. GARNET ... Treble	FRED J. HARDY ... 5
*ARTHUR WALTON ... 2	†THOMAS W. WYATT ... 6
*HAROLD J. WALTON ... 3	*ALEC S. MILLER ... 7
*ARCH. T. MILLER ... 4	*THOMAS W. WELBOURNE Tenor

Conducted by ALEC S. MILLER.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. First attempt as conductor. All the above, except the ringer of the 5th, are members of the Guild of St. John the Divine, Kennington, S.E.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

DAVID R. JAMES ... Treble	WILLIAM SMITH ... 5
RICHARD EVANS ... 2	JOHN W. JONES ... 6
FRANK MORGAN ... 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 7
JOHN COX ... 4	*ROBERT SHARP ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

* First peal. This is but the second peal rung on these bells, which were put in by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, some years and one of the first rings of bells to be hung in an iron frame.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 21½ cwt.

FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH ... Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES ... 5
JOHN THOMAS ... 2	ALBERT D. STONE ... 6
RICHARD HOLDER ... 3	KEITH HART ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	GEORGE TOMSETT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to George Tomsett.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE BOLNEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Half-a-Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

WARDEN WALDER ... Treble	†CHARLES STARLEY ... 5
WILLIAM WHEELER ... 2	THOMAS GASSON ... 6
FRANK STONER ... 3	WILLIAM VINCENT ... 7
*EDMUND J. DAVEY ... 4	ARTHUR ABSALOM ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GASSON.

* First peal. First peal of Triples.

HAWLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS ... Treble	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY ... 5
ERNEST C. LANBERT ... 2	BARZILAI HAWKINS ... 6
ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 3	CORPL. G. GILBERT, R.E. 7
JOHN RANCE ... 4	*HARRY BUNGAY ... Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL, and

Conducted by HARRY BUNGAY.

* First attempt at conducting a peal on eight bells.

SOUTH CHURCH, BISHOP AUCKLAND.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

†JAMES BAXTER ... Treble	THOMAS CLARK ... 5
*R. B. ROBINSON ... 2	THOMAS WICK ... 6
G. W. PEVERILL ... 3	WILLIAM BROADLEY ... 7
W. D. LISTER ... 4	W. H. PORTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and

Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

* 25th peal. † 90th peal. G. W. Peverill was proposed a member of the above Association before starting.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs., in E.

HERBERT DAY ... Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN ... 5
*FREDERICK W. HILL ... 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 6
*JAMES L. WRIGHT ... 3	*ALEX. HUTCHINSON ... 7
ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... 4	PERCY PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and

Conducted by FREDERICK W. HILL.

* First peal in a Surprise method. First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

A. LEWIS Treble	*W. MARGETTS 5
*F. BOLTON 2	J. PIPPIN 6
S. JONES 3	C. GREEDY 7
*H. HOLMES 4	*N. HOLMES Tenor

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

* First peal.

REDHILL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt., in F.

ARTHUR HOLMAN Treble	FREDERICK BASHFORD 5
WILLIAM H. CARD 2	GEORGE F. HOAD 6
HENRY F. EWINS 3	WILLIAM CHEESEMAN 7
*WALTER CLAYDON 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE USHER Treble	JAMES TARBUN 5
WILLIAM E. DAVIS 2	ALFRED TARBUN, JUNR. 6
WILLIAM ROWLAND 3	GEORGE W. PIPER 7
WILLIAM WELLINGTON 4	CHARLES MATTHAMS Tenor
	GEORGE DAY Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM J. PIPER, and
Conducted by G. W. PIPER.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. First in the method by all except the ringer of the 2nd. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Dannatt (churchwarden).

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

†A. J. HOING Treble	R. COLES 4
†G. H. TWITCHEN 2	J. W. WILKINS 5
*W. COLES 3	J. GRANSBURY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WILLIAM WILKINS.

* First peal and foreman of the local ringers. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 20, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

BEN TAYLOR, JUNR. Treble	ALFRED KITSON 4
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE HARRIS 5
JAMES TAYLOR 3	JOHN SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. J. E. Grasett on his retirement from the parish after 46 years as Vicar. The ringers, with others, were entertained to a substantial tea by the Vicar after the peal.

LECKHAMSTEAD, BUCKS.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of Grandsire, Antelope, Bob Doubles and St. Dunstan's.

HERBERT CARTER Treble	WILLIAM CARTER 3
PERCY WARNER 2	LEONARD SMITH 4

DENNIS CARTER ... Tenor

Conducted by DENNIS CARTER.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 4th.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 25, 1914, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALFRED TITHERIDGE Treble	*THOMAS KIRBY 4
WILLIAM LINTER 2	ALFRED MEARS 5
WILLIAM J. RYVES 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers of the treble and 4th belong to the local band.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 25, 1914, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lbs., in E.

DAVID JOYNSON Treble	JOHN A. WEBSTER 4
THOMAS MURRAY 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
JAMES R. GRIFFIN 3	JOHN GREASLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung in honour of the visit to Wallasey of their Majesties the King and Queen.

CASTLE ASHBY, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1914, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 32 Six-Scores of London Doubles, and 10 of Grandsire, all the Six-Scores being called differently. Tenor 23 cwt.

*HARRY WOODING Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 3
ARTHUR MINNEY 2	ALBERT MINNEY 4
	HARRY FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY FOWLER.

* First peal and elected a member previous to starting.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 29, 1914, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*SYDNEY J. SPICE Treble	FREDERICK S. MACEY 4
GEORGE H. SPICE 2	WILLIAM SPICE 5
WILLIAM NYE 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

* First peal. Arranged and rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of the ringer of the 2nd.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. Stephen's Guild.)

On Tuesday, March 24, 1914, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen the Martyr,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

HARRY BROWNJOHN ... 1-2	RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... 5-6
JOHN A. BURFORD ... 3-4	GEORGE CONDICK, JUNR. 7-8
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 9-10	

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Umpire: GEORGE TOMKINS.

LANCASHIRE MEETING AT PENDLETON.

On Saturday, the half-yearly meeting of the committee was held at Pendleton, and as is usual on these occasions, the monthly meeting of the branch was held at the same time. The bells were set going at 1.30 p.m. with a quarter-peal of Stedman. Afterwards several took car to Manchester Town Hall, and had a short practice with the policemen on the noble ten. While the business was conducted in the school, the branch members kept the bells of Pendleton going to Kent Minor and Grandsire Triples, and as the company increased, Kent Major, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were practised. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar and local ringers, and about 35 sat down, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Forsbrook), supported by the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President of the Association), and the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth. — The Vicar welcomed the ringers to Pendleton, and paid a compliment to his own company for their regular attendance at service. He hoped that when the Association were short of a place of meeting they would remember Pendleton. — After deciding to hold the next branch meeting at Birch, the arrangements for the special meeting for higher methods was discussed, and it was decided to hold one on the first Saturday in the month, tomorrow excepted, at Miles Platting, to the Rector of which church thanks were accorded for placing the bells at the disposal of the Association. — The President thanked the authorities for the use of bells, etc., and afterwards ringing was again indulged in. There were altogether about 50 members present from nine towers in the branch, and Stockport, Todmorden, Blackburn, Oldham, and Walkden.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South Eastern District was held at Rettendon on Saturday week. The Rector (the Rev. G. Evans-Gwynne) officiated at the service, at which the organist and choir were in attendance, and the Rev. R. P. Burnett, Rector of Runwell, gave an excellent address. A ringers' service was quite a new feature, and drew quite a large number of parishioners, who, no doubt, would have turned up in even greater numbers had the weather been fine. Tea was served in the Parish School, at the kind invitation of the Rector, the clergy, churchwardens, singers and ringers enjoying most heartily the good things provided.

At the business meeting, the Rev. G. Evans-Gwynne presided. — Six new members were enrolled, and Boreham was selected for the next meeting to be held in July. — Mr. Lincoln (District Master) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his hearty welcome, and the Chairman assured all present it was a great pleasure to him to meet the ringers, and also to hold the service. He hoped to be able to welcome them again on some future occasion.

The bells, a nice handy ring of six, were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob throughout the afternoon and evening. Members who braved the elements hailed from Great Baddow, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Rayleigh, Writtle, and the local company.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch was held at Stapleton on March 21st, when over 30 members attended. The following towers were represented: St. Stephen's, Clifton, St. Thomas', Emmanuel, Horfield, Filton, St. James', St. George's, Abbot's Leigh, and St. Werburgh's. The Bitton branch were represented by the secretary (Mr. W. Sims). — Nine new members were elected at the business meeting, which was held in the Vestry Room after tea. The church bells were available during afternoon and evening. The handbells were not brought into use, owing to the fact that some of the ringers had very severe blisters on their hands. An announcement in "The Ringing World" last week probably showed the cause of these blisters. However, all were pleased at having such an excellent meeting, there being only one occasion for regret—that was someone mistook the genial secretary's pocket for an ash-bin for old Castor oil bottles.

INTER-AFFILIATION.

By J. PIGOTT.

In view of the fact that the subject of Inter-Affiliation will be raised for discussion at many of the annual meetings this coming Easter, and will no doubt come before the Central Council's next meeting, it is necessary that the matter should go before the latter body in its most concrete form. It is with this object in view that this article is written, as, up to the present, the Exercise in general is more or less in the dark as to its possibilities or otherwise.

As yet, inter-affiliation has not been put before ringers in any workable form, nor yet have we any very definite reasons why it should not be successfully organised for the general good of ringing. With the possible object of clearing the ground, let us first take what, perhaps, is the most likely objection, viz.: Finance of the County Association. In looking over last year's balance sheets of three local bodies, one finds that in only one instance is there the item "Life members." In this one case it is 7s. 6d., this representing three. Obviously then, the bodies in question could not lose much on this score. Now, seeing that many members of one of these Associations belong to one or all of the others, the point arises, would a member continue to belong to the other bodies under inter-affiliation? The answer is "yes," because under the scheme I am venturing to put forward he would gain little or nothing by doing otherwise. This will be obvious when it is noted that his inter-affiliation fees would soon swamp the amount which would otherwise have been his subscription. In these circumstances it still seems that the object does not defeat itself, but remains for what, I believe, was originally intended, the casual long distance visitor.

In what manner can inter-affiliation be worked, seems to be the next question, and here we must carefully bear in mind that we are not to put any more, or practically no more work on to the shoulders of our County Association officers. Briefly, then, I will outline a method which occurs to me. Let each Association that decides to adopt inter-affiliation have one or two hundred tickets printed at a cost of a few shillings. These should bear the style of the society, and an inter-affiliation ticket would be issued to, say, Tom Jones, to cover a period of seven days inclusive from date of issue, and would be signed by the secretary, to whom the member would have to apply. The cost may be 6d., and a further ticket could be taken to cover each extension of period. A ringer in possession of this ticket wishing to attempt a peal during his visit would then present it to the conductor, who, in turn, would pass it on to his secretary. If more than one peal was to be attempted during the period, each conductor could endorse the ticket, and the final one give it up to the secretary. Peals would be published in the ordinary way under the style of the parent body, and the inter-affiliated member shown by a distinctive sign in the same manner as first pealers.

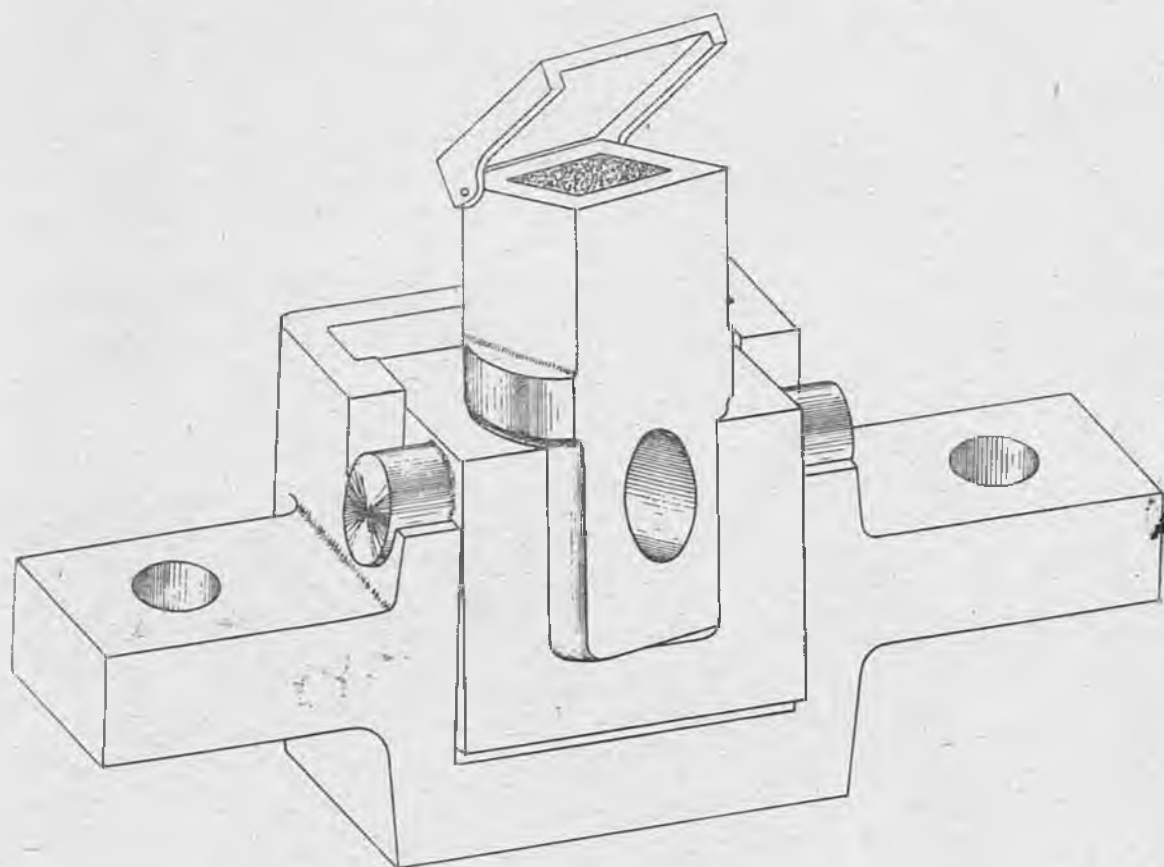
At the end of each year, in preparing for his balance sheet, all the secretary would have to do, would be to post on all tickets to their several associations that he had collected during the year, receiving in return their value in coin. This he could show on his balance sheet in two items, thus: "Inter-affiliation tickets sold," "Ditto received." In conclusion, I think, perhaps it may be possible to work this by a member buying his ticket direct from the Association which he visits, only I think this way is subject to leakage. However, if this article serves to open up the ground on this matter, and in addition to bring the great body of ringers in yet closer touch with each other, the ambitions of its writer will be entirely satisfied.

A NEW SINGLE.

Mr. F. W. Dale, of Hull, writes: "Some time ago, whilst pricking out some changes of Bob Minor, I happened upon what I have termed a "Simplex Single." The reason it is so named is because it simplifies the method by eliminating the dodging places, as will be found by examining the figures given below. It also works the same on higher numbers of bells. By the use of this Single, a 720 of Minor can be obtained in three parts, with twelve calls only. In Snowden's "Ropesight," page 73, fourteen calls is the lowest number known. Although this Single may not be of much use to the Exercise in general, I thought that it would be of some interest to six-bell ringers. The Single is made thus:—

536241
352614
325164
231546
213456
124365
124635
126453
261543
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OPENING OF YORK MINSTER BELLS.



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SOME OF THE RINGERS WHO WERE PRESENT AT THE DEDICATION OF YORK MINSTER BELLS. [Hunstock, York. 1914]

HERE AND THERE.

YORKSHIRE OFFICIALS' PEAL.

When the committee of the Yorkshire Association met at dinner recently, it was suggested that two officers' peals be attempted simultaneously. The total of the executive being 19, arrangements were made for Stedman Caters at Halifax, and Treble Bob at St. Chad's, Headingley, of which church the President is Vicar. Mr. Hattersley being under doctor's orders and unable to ring, undertook to do his share by devising two compositions for the occasion, every officer thus having a hand in the matter. The Stedman Caters was duly rung, being the first officers' peal by the Association on ten bells. All went well with the eight bell peal for an hour and a half, when, unfortunately, a broken rope put an end to matters. However, all gathered together later in the evening at the Albion Hotel, Leeds, and did good justice to a substantial tea, followed by a jolly "social." The Yorkshire executive, whilst not making any claim to be the first to ring an officers' ten bell peal, will be glad to hear if this has been achieved by any other Association.

ANCIENT FOUNDERS.

"Interested" seeks information as to Johannes Tonne, and John Hodson, who were the founders of bells still hanging in a few Sussex steeples. Both these founders are mentioned in Tyssen's "Church Bells of Sussex," published in the "Sussex Archaeological Society's Collection" of 1864. At that time there were eleven bells in the county cast by Johannes Tonne, including "Old Gabriel," the clock bell of about 17½ cwt., which hangs in Lewes Market Tower. Those of Tonne's Sussex bells that are dated show that they were cast between 1522 and 1536. Several of his bells are to be found in Essex, but we are unable to state where his foundry was situated.

FOUNDER OF GREAT TOM.

As to John Hodson, he was a well-known London founder in the latter half of the seventeenth century, his name occurring on many bells in Sussex, Surrey, Kent and Middlesex, between the years 1654 and 1671. His name appeared on the bells originally in Hailsham Church, which were cast at a spot still known as "Bell bank," near the church. The tenor at Rotherfield, which bears John Hodson's name, and the date 1670, also bears the initials "C.H." which are supposed to stand for Christopher Hodson, another eminent bell founder of the same family, who cast Great Tom of Oxford, in 1680.

IMPOSSIBLE.

"Learner."—You set us a problem that it is impossible for us to solve. We do not think anyone could tell you the name of a method from three lead-ends. If you could send us a full plain lead, perhaps we could help you.

BELFRY THE SAME FOR A CENTURY.

A most successful Northern district practice of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at the delightful old-world belfry of St. John's, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Monday of last week. There was an excellent attendance of members from six belfries, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves by practising rounds: Plain Bob Doubles and Minor, Grandshire Triples and London Surprise Major. This belfry has not been "improved," but is still in much the same condition that it has been for well over a century. It contains some fine peal boards and an extensive collection of peal cards. Because of the low ceiling it gets very warm, but it is kept wonderfully clean and tidy, and is really very cosy. St. John's belfry and its associations make a strong appeal to the romantic mind.

THE PEAL AT WEST WYCOMBE.

Mere cold print does not always indicate the magnitude of a task represented by the record of a peal. In another column the first peal on the bells at West Wycombe is recorded, and owing to the need for restoration of this peal, the performance reflects much credit upon the company, especially the ringers of the three back bells, who stuck to their task with grim earnestness. It is to be hoped that the visit of the Master of the Guild, who inspected the bells, may have the desired result. The thanks of the ringers are accorded to the Vicar for his kind permission to ring, and to Mr. W. Goodchild who was present throughout the peal to assist if his help were needed.

PEAL BOARD AT BENWELL.

A very neatly designed peal-board was presented to the belfry of St. James', Benwell, on Friday, by Mr. Wm. Sinclair, of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, to record the first 5040 (in seven methods) rung on these bells.—The Vicar (the Rev. B. E. Shirvell), in unveiling it, complimented the band on their excellent performance, and said that peal-boards were an excellent incentive to future generations of ringers to try to emulate the great deeds of their predecessors. A touch of Treble Bob was then rung, and later a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Richards, seconded by Mr. Keen, and carried unanimously.

NEWCASTLE'S PEAL OF TWELVE.

The dedication of the new trebles at Newcastle Cathedral will take place on Easter Sunday, and the bells will be open for ringing on Easter Monday, from 2 p.m. Other towers in the city will also be available for peals or touches.

THE LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

Ringers generally are looking forward with interest to the attempt upon the Treble Bob Royal record at Ashton-under-Lyne on Easter Monday, and the band have the best wishes of the Exercise for their success.

"S.L.H." AND BELLS.

S.L.H., whose "Sub-Rosa" column in the "Daily News" is so much enjoyed by its readers, is apparently the latest public writer to be the recipient of a complaint about the ringing of bells, and he treats the matter in his customary humorous vein. He has taken the trouble to dip into history and quotes an ancient writer as being responsible for the statement that it was by means of a bell that Noah called all living creatures to the Ark. "The ancient writer," says S.L.H., "does not give any evidence to support his statement—and I mention it only to show that ancient writers will say almost anything." At any rate it carries our history a bit further back than most of us were aware of.

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INTERESTING STORIES, BUT —

The "Sub-Rosa" stories are very entertaining, but "S.L.H." is quite justified in throwing his doubts upon the figures of the mathematician who provides him with the facts for his practical side of the question, for the man of figures, after pointing out that 470,061,600 changes may be got on twelve bells, adds: "It is calculated that ten changes may be rung in one minute, that is, 720 in an hour. On this computation all possible changes on twelve bells could not be rung in less than seventy-five years ten months and ten days."

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A MISCALCULATION.

"S.L.H." adds: "I accept no responsibility for these figures, and only quote what the wise man says. Indeed, it seems to me, as an absolute simpleton in these things, that if you have ten changes in every minute in an hour, you would have 600 in the hour, and not 720, as given above. But I have long ceased to strive with mathematicians, and I always think with gratitude of an assurance I received from a gentleman who was in his year the Third Wrangler at Cambridge, and who told me that when you get into the very highest regions of mathematics you cannot be quite sure about anything. I daresay it is so—but I have never been there. I have mentioned the appalling possibilities in a peal of twelve bells, not to depress the reader, but to make him thankful that even the fiercest little tribe of campanologists could not go through with this business. It would mean unceasing din for more than three-quarters of a century." If we may venture to give "S.L.H." any information on the subject, we would just tell him that his mathematician knows very little about the pace at which bells are rung. The average pace for twelve bells is, as all ringers know, from 20 to 23 changes per minute.

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AN INQUIRY.

"Middlesboro" writes: "Can any reader tell me, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' as to what would be the probable cost of providing and fixing the apparatus with miniature bells, to correspond with the ringing of tower bells, similar to those at St. Mary's, Tunton, for silent practice; eight bells, wood frame."

SELF-ALIGNING BEARINGS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have noticed in your paper, a drawing of a "Self-aligning" bearing for bells. I do not know who is the inventor of this bearing, and I am quite ready to admit that it is the best of its kind that has come under my notice; but I also venture to submit that a self-aligning bearing for bells is quite unnecessary, and unlikely to prove permanently satisfactory.

In the first place, a "self-aligning" bearing may be simply a remedy for inaccurate fittings. Provided that gudgeons and bearing are accurately fitted, there is nothing to equal the fixed bearing, but with slovenly work the self-aligning bearing will, to a certain extent, remedy it. There are, however, so many wearing surfaces, that in the course of a very few years a bell hung in such bearings would, in my opinion, become "sloppy," that is, unsteady, put extra strain on the frame and tower, and necessitate a renewal of the working parts.

As bells of 50 and 60 cwt. can now be easily rung for several hours in rigid bearings, I fail to see the necessity for self-aligning ones.—Yours truly,

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ARTHUR HUGHES.

Owing to Good Friday falling in next week, the "Ringing World" will be published on Thursday. All reports and publications should be sent in as early as possible.

YORK MINSTER BELLS.**RESTORATION OF THE PEAL.****MEMORIAL TABLET UNVEILED.**

The restoration of York Minster bells is now complete, and, as briefly announced in our last issue, were dedicated on Wednesday of last week. To those who knew the peal before they were taken in hand and who heard them on the occasion of their opening were greatly struck with the vast improvement effected in their tone by the retuning which has been effected. After being returned to the Minster, the bells were rehung with the most modern fittings, including the Warner patent self-aligning, self-lubricating, oil-bath and oil-ring design of bearings, which eliminate all shock to the framework, and consequently to the tower. The restoration has been carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London.

At the special service of Dedication, the clergy present were: Bishop Quirk (Canon-in-Residence), the Dean of York, Canon Watson, Canon Nolloth, D.D. (Vicar of Beverley Minster), Rev. G. Trundle, Rev. H. T. S. Gedge, and the Rev. C. C. Marshall (Vicar of St. Chad's, Leeds), and President of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers. The Dedicatory prayers were offered by Bishop Quirk and the Dean of York.

ANCIENT RITES.

Canon Nolloth was the preacher, and spoke from Ephesians v. 14, "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." He said that in ancient times bells were regarded as possessing a peculiarly sacred character, and on their dedication certain rites were gone through which so closely resembled the rite of baptism, that the bells were always said to have been baptised. On those occasions it was arrayed like those who were about to be baptised in a christening robe, and sponsors were chosen for it from the people in high position. For instance, Emperor Charles V became sponsor to the large bell at Antwerp. Then a name was generally given to a bell on its baptism—the name of some saint. It was interesting to recall on that particular day of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin that the name Mary was a favourite one given to the bells, some 900 bells of this country being dedicated to her. The next in numerical order was St. John, to whom 280 or thereabouts were dedicated, while some 70 inscriptions had been got together from bells dedicated to St. Mary the Virgin, and the commonest inscription naturally was the angelic salutation, "Ave Maria pleu gratia." Like the organ, the bells were instruments of praise and exaltation. They were designed to startle and awake from spiritual sleep, to rouse the careless, pleasure-loving and indifferent to a sense of danger that those dead in sins might arise to a new and better life. Bells were associated with public worship. This was a pleasure-seeking age, and men were becoming lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God. Although there were never so many holidays, never such short hours, people could not keep off God's holy day, and the nation seemed to be losing its hold upon religion. Bells also proclaimed the flight of time; they called to industry. Were the bells abused? He thought not so much as formerly. Sometimes bells were rung for very secular occasions. In some places they had been rung for horse-racing not so very many years ago. He did not think that was so to any great extent at the present day, but he would say that when bells were rung, even by skilful hands, by those who disobeyed the invitation which they extended to others, then the music of the bells was as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. The preacher, in conclusion, said he well remembered the late Mr. W. H. Howard, who for 68 years was a bell ringer at York Minster.

The service included special music sung by the choir, and an anthem, "Ring out ye brazen, tuneful peal," written for the occasion by the Dean of York, to music of a former organist of the Minster, Dr. Naylor. At the conclusion of the service an opening touch of Grandsire Cinques was rung by: T. Haigh 1, C. F. White 2, G. Worth 3, P. Firth 4, H. Ineson 5, G. Horner 6, E. Rickitt 7, J. Thompson 8, A. C. Fearnley 9, T. Hodgson 10, A. Haigh 11, T. F. Earnshaw (conductor) 12.

The York ringers, who were present for the dedication were Mr. T. F. Earnshaw (president), Mr. G. Horner (secretary), Mr. A. C. Fearnley, Mr. G. Worth, M. L. Woodcock, Mr. H. Ineson, Mr. E. Rickitt, Mr. T. Haigh, Mr. A. Haigh, Mr. T. Hodgson, Mr. J. Thompson, Mr. W. Fountain, Mr. G. Broad, Mr. P. Firth. They were supplemented by Mr. R. W. Falconer (Durham and Newcastle Association), Mr. T. Metcalfe (Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association), Mr. E. Maurice Atkins (Cambridge University Guild), Mr. T. W. Robbins (Escrick), Mr. Park (Darlington), etc.

ENTERTAINED BY THE DEAN.

The bell ringing party were afterwards entertained at tea in St. William's College, where they were the guests of the Dean of York, who attended with his grand-daughter, Miss Alice Purey-Cust. The Dean was unable, owing to a cold, to remain with the party, who were entertained with Grandsire Caters on handbells prior to tea. Before the Dean left, however.

Mr. T. F. Earnshaw proposed a vote of thanks to him, and said how delighted every one of them was to find the bells back in their

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accustomed place. The Dean had shown many kindnesses to the York Minster Society of Change Ringers in the past, and the ringers were extremely glad to have this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of his kindly interest. In the first place they felt that the Dean was to be congratulated on having brought to a successful issue the complete restoration of the bells. They fully understood the difficulties he had always to contend with in any great undertaking, owing to lack of funds, and it was to his credit that the restoration of the bells was only a unit amongst the many much greater projects that the Dean had undertaken and completed in such a manner as was befitting to the glorious Minster, of which they formed a part. It would not be too much to say that never in the whole history of the Minster had so many great and varying works been taken in hand by one Dean, and carried through with such conspicuous success as has been the case during the present Dean's residence amongst them. To them as ringers, however, the bells were the chief concern, and it had been quite refreshing to hear so many enquiries in the city as to when the bells would be ready, thus showing the keen interest that was centred in them. They had nearly despaired of ever getting them restored, until what might be called a fortunate accident occurred to one of the bell clappers. It fell out, and it was this clapper or tongue that seemed to "call the tune," although it was a difficult matter to get it to "pay the piper" (laughter). However, "All was well that ended well," and they were that day celebrating the opening. They were of the opinion that the work had been carried out in an eminently satisfactory manner, and in entrusting the firm of Messrs. Warner and Sons with the contract, they felt confident that the Dean's orders had not been misplaced (hear, hear). With regard to the tuning of the bells, he heard them rung singly during last week, as well as in peal that day, and, knowing their tone before they were retuned, he found them wonderfully improved, each bell being more musical in itself, more vibrating, and more mellow, making the whole a fine musical ring, and they now felt that they had a splendid peal of bells in first-class order. They were proud of the fact that their inheritance as ringers—and they were alive to responsibilities in connection therewith—was second to none in being associated with York Cathedral. It might be possible to find another good peal of bells, yet it would be impossible to find along with them a building that could be compared with the Minster of the ancient city (hear, hear). They had found that the Dean was always ready to meet the wishes of the ringers as far as possible, and in such a matter as placing the vestry at their disposal to conduct the ringing business in they had always felt it a great honour to have the privilege of holding their meetings there.

LONG SERVICE AT THE MINSTER.

Then when the ringers approached the Dean with regard to a tablet being erected in the belfry to the memory of the late Mr. W. H. Howard, the Dean was only too glad to accede to their wishes, and was pleased the matter had been brought forward. They appreciated this to the full extent, because they knew that it was only in very special cases that tablets were, or could be, fixed in the Minster, and he might say that the tablet was a beautiful specimen of the mason's art. They would especially thank the Dean in this direction, because Mr. Howard was rightly regarded amongst ringers, not only in York, but in the whole of Yorkshire, as the "Grand Old Man." There were several long service men in the Minster Society, but all of them had a long way to go before reaching Mr. Howard's record of 68 years' service (hear, hear). For the splendid service arranged in connection with the ceremony of opening the bells, and especially for the beautiful anthem the Dean wrote for the occasion, their gratitude was due. The tea so kindly provided for them in that historic building was yet another proof of the Dean's interest in the ringers, and their regret was that the health of Lady Emma was unfortunately not good enough to allow her to be present, but he trusted that her ladyship and the Dean might live long to enjoy the music of the bells (hear, hear).

Mr. A. C. Fearnley seconded the vote of thanks in brief but felicitous terms, and the Rev. C. C. Marshall added his tribute to the Dean.

The Dean of York, in acknowledging the compliment, said he regretted that as he was suffering from a cold it would be impossible for him to remain with them. Referring to the late Mr. W. H. Howard, to whom a tablet was later to be unveiled, he said he had the greatest affection for that gentleman. The absence of the bells had made people realise more fully the value of them (hear, hear). There were some people in York who thought that it would not be a bad thing if the Cathedral itself were shovelled out of the way somewhere (laughter). But when they had no Cathedral they would realise the value of it (hear, hear). He hoped people would realise what a grand adjunct the bells were to the House of God. In the death of Mr. Howard, he added, they had lost a ringer who had very great abilities. Not only was Mr. Howard valuable in that capacity, but he was a thoroughly good man (hear, hear). He was sorry Lady Emma was unable to be present, but the guests could be assured of his and her wishes that they would make themselves at home (hear, hear).

BELL HANGERS COMPLIMENTED.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall moved a vote of thanks to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, who had carried out the restoration of the bells. He said that the ringers had reason to be glad that competent men

had been called in to do the work. They all knew cases where incompetent people had been called in, and the result had not been satisfactory. They knew it needed experts to deal with such matters, therefore, one had very great pleasure in giving thanks where thanks were due (hear, hear). He was quite certain Messrs. Warner and Sons were a firm who were fully abreast of the times, and the work upon this heavy ring of twelve bells had been carried out most satisfactorily, and he had felt the keenest interest in examining their new self-aligning oil-bath and oil-ring design of bearings, which had been fitted to all the bells. — Mr. G. Worth seconded the vote of thanks, saying that everything promised well, and that he had no doubt that after further practical experience of the work, they would be able to say "they have made a jolly good job of it" (hear, hear).

Mr. Robert Warner, on behalf of the firm, acknowledged the resolution with thanks. He said that he was glad to meet such a gathering of well-known ringers, and he looked forward to the time when the York Minster Society would ring the first peal upon the twelve, as he believed that the only peal on the bells up to the present was one of Grandsire Caters in the year 1861. He was glad to see Mr. George Breed, the noted tenor ringer, once more able to participate in the ringing, after 6½ years' absence, through ill-health. He expressed thanks to the York ringers for the hospitality they had accorded to the bell hangers engaged upon the work, and for all the ringing facilities that had been afforded to them in many towers in the neighbourhood.

THE LATE MR. W. H. HOWARD.

The company then returned to the Minster and ascended the belfry, where the Rev. C. C. Marshall drew the veiling from a mural tablet inscribed as follows:—

To the Memory of
WILLIAM HORNER HOWARD,
who was for 68 years a Bellringer at this
Cathedral, 1839-1907.

Born August 28th, 1821; Died August 1st, 1907.
Respected by all.

He said he was proud to be there and to have been asked to unveil the tablet which has been erected to the memory of William Horner Howard. As an individual he had come into contact with Mr. Howard, and no one who did that could fail to be struck by the simplicity and genuineness of his character, and by his real love for the art of change ringing and for the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, of which he was a life-long member and vice-president. But it was as president of the Yorkshire Association that he (the speaker) especially wished to speak, and to express his appreciation at being invited to be amongst them that day. Mr. Howard was a man of whom the Association must always be justly proud. He was one of the moving spirits in the foundation of the Association in 1875, was elected a vice-president at its first meeting, and held that office till his death in 1907. In addition to that they must always remember that he it was who, by virtue of his position and character, was elected to take the chair at the inaugural meetings of the Association, and to pass the election of the first president and officers. He it was, again, who, on the death of their first esteemed president, Mr. Jasper Snowden, took the chair at the intervening committee meetings, and again presented to the Association and welcomed in its name their second president, Mr. Wm. Snowden (hear, hear). His life and interests were then intimately bound up with the whole life of the Yorkshire Association, and as they knew that he was proud of his connection with them, so they were also glad to say that they were proud of their connection with him. He was a man of the right stamp, combining those two things which they as an Association must always aim to foster, love of the art of change ringing, and love of the church which, with that art, he served. The special traits of his character were, perhaps, his simplicity of character, with just that thoroughness and firmness which prevented simplicity from becoming weak, thus making it one of the most beautiful things that they knew. The speaker hoped that when they looked up to the tablet they would be inspired to follow a worthy example (hear, hear).

Mr. John Howard (Ampleforth) said that, on behalf of the family of the late gentleman, he desired to express thanks for the tribute thus paid to his father. There was no doubt at all that his father's whole heart was in change ringing, and it had always been a source of regret to himself and his brother that they had not been able to follow in their father's footsteps in that respect. His sister especially wished to thank the ringers very deeply for their kindness. It was one of the delights of his father to take anyone over the Minster, which he loved so well (hear, hear). — Mr. James Howard (Bawtry), another son of the late Mr. Howard, also thanked the ringers for their kindness.

BEARINGS 2 CWT. EACH.

Subsequently the bells were set going with touches of Treble Bob Maximus, Stedman and Grandsire Cinques and Grandsire Caters, while touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob were rung upon the front eight and Stedman Triples on the back eight. The bells have been improved almost beyond recognition by the retuning, and this is especially noticeable in the trebles. The resonance of the peal is so much greater that it is now necessary to install a new double floor under the bells. The "go" is absolutely perfect, and at the conclusion of the ringing everyone was unanimous that "Warner's had

made a jolly good job of it." The only regret that the York ringers had now that the bells had been hung, was that Messrs. C. F. White and Frank Smith would take their departure, and their invaluable ringing services during their stay in York would be greatly missed.

With further reference to the new self-aligning and self-lubricating bearings, it is interesting to mention that each bearing on the tenor bell weighs 2 cwt., and each of the bearing brasses will contain one pint of Graphite oil, which is especially prepared for bells to suit all temperatures. There is no doubt whatever, that these bearings are extremely beneficial, and there should be no excuse for bad going bells, seeing that now there is this perfect cure.

The remainder of the evening was spent at the "Lowther Hotel," the snug little rendezvous on the banks of the River Ouse, where a hearty welcome awaited from Mr. George Breed. Touches upon the handbells followed, and the time for departure, bringing to a conclusion a happy and memorable day, came all too soon.

Photographs in connection with the restoration of the Minster bells can be obtained of Mr. Hanstock, Clarence Street, York.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 14th, Southwark Cathedral and St. John's Hackney, on the 21st, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 23rd, St. Paul's Cathedral on the 28th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m. A district meeting will be held at Hornchurch, Essex, on May 2nd. Tower open for ringing from 4.30 to 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, April 4th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—Joseph Ogden, Secretary, 135, Salts Street, Shaw.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held, by kind permission of the Rev. R. O. Sutton, at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. All are welcome. Quarterly peal (Bob Major) will be attempted at Heston on Easter Monday. South and West members desirous of taking part please communicate with H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Steyning on Saturday, April 4th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30.—H. Evans, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—Dedication and opening of two trebles to complete the octave on Easter Eve, April 11th. Service at 3.30. Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Colchester. Ringers welcomed. Tea will be provided at the Assembly Rooms to those who give notice of attending not later than Wednesday, April 8th.—Bernard Pettit, Sible Hedingham.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester, on Easter Monday, April 13th, 1914. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House, at 2 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Address by the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, Dean. Tea will be provided free in the College Hall, at 5.15 p.m., for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 8th, 1914. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; St.

Helen's (8), Hallow (8), St. Swithin's (6), 10 to 11 a.m.; St. Nicholas (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid, expenses received, and reports obtained, in St. Helen's Church House between 12 and 1. Peal book on view. The presentation will be made to Mr. J. R. Newman, on the occasion of his marriage, immediately after tea, to which all members are cordially invited. The children of Mr. Johnson, of Hinton, Evesham, will give an exhibition of handbell ringing.—A. E. Parsons, Master, 148, Station Road, Old Hill.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.—The thirty-second annual meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Easter Monday, April 13th. The bells at St. Paul's (8), St. Modwen's (8), Horninglow (6), and Winstanhill (6) will be available for ringing from 10 a.m. A short service will be held in St. Paul's at 3 p.m. Committee at 3.30 and tea (1s. 3d. each) at 4.15, both in St. Paul's Institute. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. H. Wakley, the "Lord Napier," Victoria Street, by Wednesday, April 8th.

The following notices of motion have been received:—Rule 4a, erase the words "after a month's notice in writing has been given by the Honorary Secretary." Rule 13, erase the whole and substitute "Delegates to the Central Council to be nominated by two members of the association, and names sent to the secretary one month before the meeting at which they are elected."

BASS' BREWERY.

Messrs. Bass and Co., Ltd., have kindly arranged to grant facilities to members attending the meeting to view their premises. Messrs. Bass and Co's official guides will be in attendance at the High Street offices of the company at 11 a.m., when they will proceed to conduct the party round one of the three breweries, the beer stores, hop stores, fire brigade station, etc. It will be a convenience to Bass and Co., if members who intend going round the brewery will advise Mr. Wakley as above not later than the first post on Thursday morning, April 9th.—W. E. White, Hon. Secretary.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Rotherham on Easter Monday, April 13th, Parish Church of All Saints, 10 bells, tenor 32 cwt., available 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee meeting during the afternoon to decide upon the fixtures for the ensuing year.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 38, Rutland Park, Sheffield.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans, on Easter Monday, April 13th, 1914, when the various towers in the city will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Choral service at the Cathedral (in the choir) at 5 p.m., with an address by the president, the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Albans. Tea in the Abbey Institute, 6 p.m. sharp, followed by business meeting for election of officers, etc. All ringers heartily welcomed.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Secretary, Duffield, St. Albans.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Gresford on Easter Monday. Bells available from 12 o'clock. Meeting in Church House at 3 p.m. Kindly inform Mr. Geo. Williams, Sexton, Gresford, if requiring lunch, supplied at 1/6 each. Time of tea by post.—Harry Moore, Jun., Hon. Secretary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the above Association will take place at Cambridge on Easter Monday. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. Mary the Great (12), St. Andrew's (8), and St. Andrew's, Chesterton (6). A short service will be held in Great St. Mary's Church at 12.15 p.m., with address by the Ven. Archdeacon Cunningham. The annual dinner and business meeting will be held at the Lion Hotel at 12.45 p.m. Members are requested to notify me of their intention to be present not later than Thursday, April 9th.—T. R. Dennis, General Secretary, 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Peter's, Brighton Branch.—The new peal of ten bells, tenor 25½ cwt., by Mears and Stainbank, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Chichester on Thursday, April 16th, at 3 p.m. Tower open for ringing 4 till 5 and 7 till 9. All ringers are heartily invited. Refreshments will be provided in the Parish Room, at 5 o'clock, to those who let me know by Monday, April 6th.—A. D. Stone, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, April 18th, 1914, to celebrate the centenary of the bells. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Service at 4. Preacher: Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A. Tea will be provided to all members of the association sending their names to Wm. Mallinson, 8, York Street, Colne, not later than Tuesday, April 14th.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, by kind permission of the Rev. W. C. Muriel, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30, with address by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, President of the Cambridge University Guild of Ringers. Tea at 6.15, followed by the business meeting. Putney bells will also be available. Further particulars will be given next week.—C. T. Coles and H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretaries.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting for practice will be held at Brighouse Church, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—F. Salmons, Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Willesden, on Saturday, April 18th, 1914. Bells available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and business meeting to follow at 8.30 p.m. All ringers and friends will be welcome.—Lawrence B. Porter, Honorary Secretary, 1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The first meeting will be held at Northallerton, on Saturday, April 18th. The ring of eight at the Parish Church will be available. Tea at Tweddle's Commercial Hotel, Market Place, 5 p.m., at 1s. per head, will be provided for those who notify the caterer, Mr. A. Parker, at the above address, not later than Tuesday, April 14th. Business meeting afterwards in the Parish Room for the election of district officers, vice-president, ringing master, secretary, and committee. All ringers welcome.—Clement Glenn, Honorary General Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.—The new trebles to complete the peal of twelve at Newcastle Cathedral will be dedicated on Easter Sunday, at 10 a.m. The members of our and other associations are cordially invited for Easter Monday. Ringing at the Cathedral from 2 p.m. The other belfries in the city will be at the disposal of the visitors. Tea will be provided free, at the Collingwood Restaurant, at 5 p.m., to those who send notice to the Secretary (E. Ferry, 33, Ivy Road, Gosforth, Newcastle) not later than Thursday, April 9th.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdridge, Botley, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Institute at 5 o'clock. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by not later than April 6th.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the above society will be held at Leeds on Easter Monday. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques will be made, start at 12 noon. The business meeting will be held at the Royal Oak, at 7 p.m.—F. Hopwood 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Secretary.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Alfreton, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells available from 1 p.m. Service in church at 4 p.m. Tea (1s. each) at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify F. Watkinson, Park Street, Alfreton, by Thursday, April 9th.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly general meeting will be held at Eye, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Dinner at 1.30 p.m. at the White Lion. Those attending must send notice before April 9th. For full particulars see notice cards.—C. E. Borrett, Secretary, 12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Central District).—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell, on Easter Monday, April 13th. The bells of Ewell and Cheam Parish Churches will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Ewell Church at 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Room at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting after. Handbells, kindly lent by Mr. T. Miles, for use of the members will be available at the Church Room during the day.—Cyril F. Johnston, Hon. Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Ringing for Divine service at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch the second Thursday and at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, the fourth Wednesday in every month, at 7.30.—H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. T. H. Taffender has removed to 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell, S.E.

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LATE NOTICE.

CLEVELAND & YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Malton, Yorkshire, on Easter Monday, April 13th, 1914. Dinner will be provided at the Green Man Hotel at 12.30 p.m. Members 1s. 3d., non-members 2s. 6d. Those intending to be at the meeting please notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Wednesday, April 8th.—T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

THE SURPRISE MINOR RECORD.

An attempt for a record peal of 10,800 changes of Surprise Minor will be made at St. Giles' Church, Killarmarsh, Derbyshire, on Easter Tuesday, April 14th, commencing at 11 a.m.

THE HERTFORD ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant meeting of the Eastern district was held on Saturday week at Hoddesdon and Broxbourne, ringing taking place first at the latter place. Tea was partaken of at "The Welcome," at which the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Walker) joined the members.—The business meeting followed, the Vicar being unanimously voted to the chair.—Seven new members of the Broxbourne band were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicars of Hoddesdon and Broxbourne for granting the use of their bells, and for the welcome extended to the gathering.—The Rev. R. H. Walker responded, and said he hoped to meet all again upon some future occasion, and to invite them to tea some time during the summer in his grounds, an offer which, needless to say, was heartily appreciated by the meeting. The members then went on to Hoddesdon for further ringing. During the day, touches of Grandsire and Stedman, Oxford Treble Bob, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung.

PENWORTHAM.—St. Mary's Society.—On Sunday, March 8th, a date touch (1914 changes), consisting of 474 Plain Bob, 720 College Single and 720 Oxford Single Bob, in 1 hr. 1 min.: J. Burgess 1, W. Taylor (conductor) 2, E. Fox 3, J. R. Taylor 4, V. Martin 5, J. Gornall 6.

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